

Dear Sirs:

I am stating upfront that I am responding on this topic after my XM service provider made me aware of the issue. XM requested that I object to the move to prohibit them from providing traffic and weather info as part of their program offering. This is to advise that as an XM customer I could care less about receiving local traffic and weather data as I consider such information to be useless. I do care, however, about any public company or group attempting to limit my programming choices for broadcasts received over public airwaves. I pay to subscribe to XM as my own personal choice, and am also free to discontinue the service should I choose to do so. I see XM's request to be in the end their way of attempting to improve their product offering, which should be their right as a company and my right as a customer/consumer of services. I also see this as the AM and FM channels' attempt to discourage competition and to stack the radio airwaves deck in their favor. If XM is gaining customers and market share at the expense of AM/FM, too bad. Maybe, just maybe, XM is offering a superior product at a reasonable price that a lot of people find value in.